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GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Rules of origin

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

This document contains relevant extracts from communications received from the Czech Republic, 1/ the Republic of Guinea, Hungary, Namibia 2/ and the Philippines. 3/

Czech Republic

"... has the honour to inform that, on 1 January 1993, the Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry was set up as the successor organization of the Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry exercises the activities, services and competences of the former Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the territory of the Czech Republic. The appropriate resolution was accepted by the 21st meeting of the Board of Directors of the Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry which had been held on 15 December 1992. At the same time, it was decided that the Czech part of this Board of Directors will constitute after 1 January 1993 the Board of Directors of the Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Chairman of the Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. JUDr. Ing. Vojtech Bures, was entrusted with the managing of the Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The legal ground of the Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry was ratified by the Constitutional Law of 15 December 1992 according to which all the Constitutional Laws, Laws and other legal regulations of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic valid at the time of its extinction are still valid on the territory of the Czech Republic. The same applies to the provisions regulating the existence and functioning of the Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"One of the functions and responsibilities of the Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry is to issue certificates concerning facts important in legal relations arising in international trade, including certificates of

origin, in order, inter alia, to make use of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). In view of this, please find enclosed the [specimen] of stamps of the Czech Chamber of Commerce and Industry. 4/

"The Mission would be grateful if this communication could be circulated for the information of all member States."

Republic of Guinea

"I have the honour to inform you of the officials of the National Customs Directorate of my Department who have been designated by our Administration to stamp and authenticate by their signature EUR 1, A and APR certificates of origin of the Generalized System of Preferences. This decision takes effect from the date of its signature [27 January 1993]. Would you kindly inform all users concerned." 5/

Hungary

"... has the honour to communicate the name of the certifying authorities empowered to sign the certificate of origin, Form A, as well as a specimen of the stamps used by these authorities." 6/

Namibia

"You will observe that for EURO 1 certification new stamps and signatures will be used in respect of consignments lodged as from 1 February 1993, from which date the currently used ones will only be valid for earlier consignments. The same will apply for GSP Form A certification. Please note that the new stamps bear the inscription 'GSP No. 1', 'GSP No. 2', 'GSP No. 3' and 'GSP No. 4' respectively. These are the only stamps that will be valid from the date for both the Lomé IV provisions as well as GSP utilization, but naturally the Form EUR. 1 and GSP Form A will respectively be used. (I attached to this letter also original specimens for your purposes.) 7/ The envisaged use of only the one type of stamp for both preference-giving systems should simplify certification, and as only stamps bearing the 'GSP' inscription is currently available, acceptance of such is urged in order to expedite simultaneous implementation of the new signatures and stamps for both systems. I trust that the above exposition will enable you to inform instances and parties active in the GSP and countries extending GSP."

Philippines

"I have the honour to transmit original copies of the specimen signatures of the officials of the Bureau of Customs at the Port of Tacloban, Philippines, for the information and appropriate action of the UNCTAD secretariat. 8/ These officials are authorized to sign GSP certificates of origin Form A, the ASEAN-PTA and non-GSP for agricultural products destined to the European Economic Community."

Notes

1/ For earlier notifications see TD/B/C.5/ORIGIN/51.

2/ For earlier notifications see TD/B/C.5/ORIGIN/47.

3/ For earlier notifications see TD/B/AC.5/39/Add.1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 16 and 17 and TD/B/C.5/ORIGIN/29 and 40.

4/ See annex I.

5/ See annex II.

6/ See annex III.

7/ See annex IV.

8/ See annex V.

Annex I

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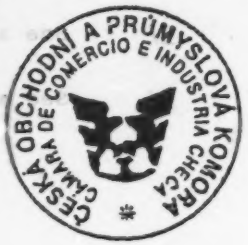
CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE ET D´INDUSTRIE TCHÈQUE



Annex II

MINISTERE DU PLAN ET DES FINANCES

DIRECTION NATIONALE DES DOUANES

REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE

Travail-Justice-Solidarité

NOMS, PRENOMS ET EMPREINTES DES CADRES DE L'ADMINISTRATION DES DOUANES CHARGES D'AUTHENFIER LES CERTIFICATS D'ORIGINE

PRENOMS ET NOMS	SIGNATURE	CACHET
1 - HAMIDOU DIAKITE Insp. Douanes		Direction Nationale des Douanes - Certification d'origine - D.E.R.T. R.G. M.P.F.
2 - Amadou Diannoun BAH Insp.Douanes		

Annex III

POSTAL ADDRESS: 1389 BUDAPEST P.O.B. 106
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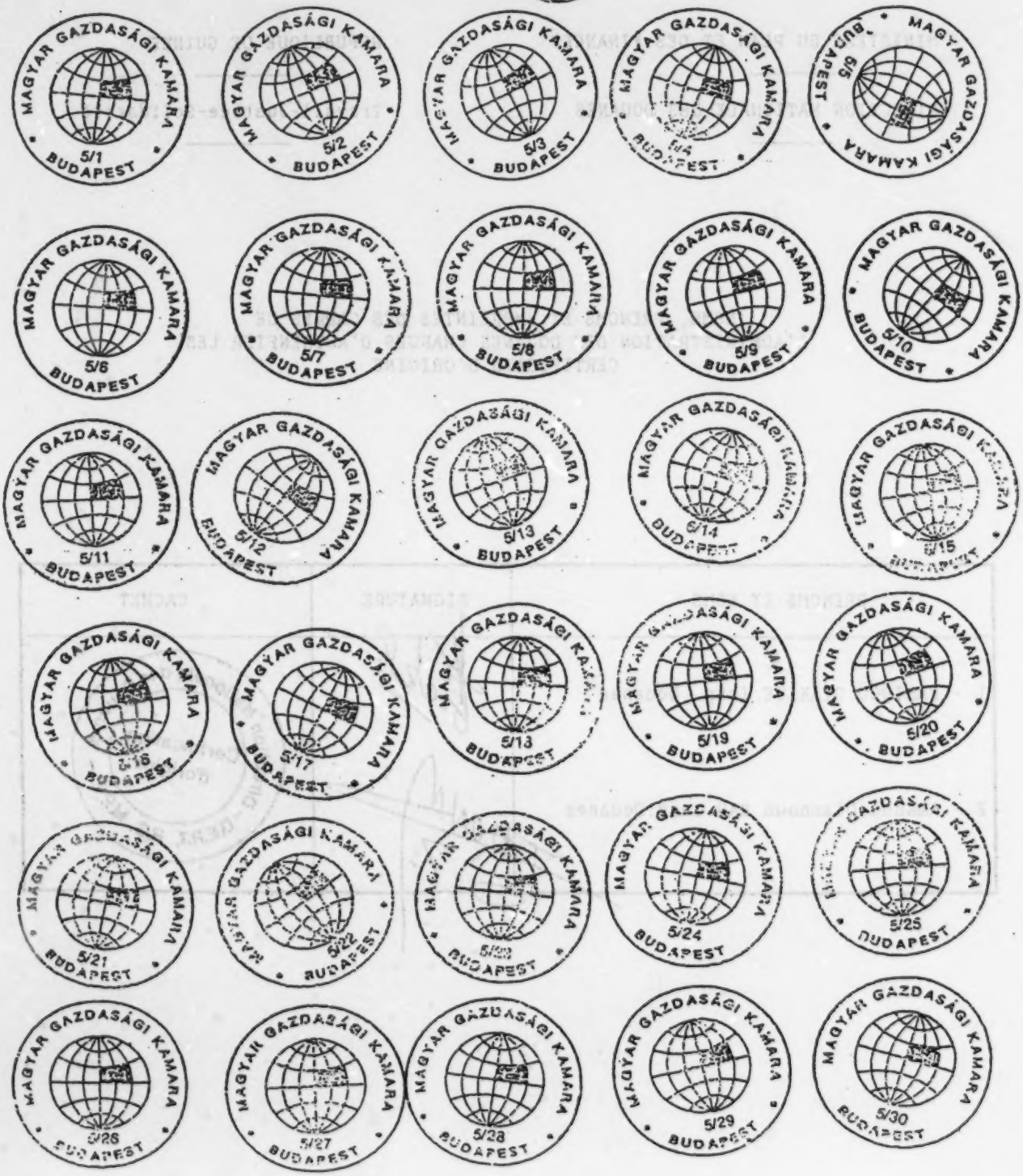
HUNGARIAN CHAMBER of Commerce

PHONE: 533-333
TELEX: KAMARA BUDAPEST 22-4745

Stempel-List 5/1 - 5/33



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Annex IV

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE
04 JAN 1993
GSP No. 1
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE
04 JAN 1993
GSP No. 2
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE
04 JAN 1993
GSP No. 3
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE
08 JAN 1993
GSP No. 4
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

Annex V

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
PORT OF TACLOBAN

I. Official Customs Seal Stamped

II. Additional Customs Signatures of Customs Officials of the Export Coordination Division hereunder reproduced who shall sign as indicated below.

Signatory in capitals	Signatory Initials
HIGINIO [illegible] Chief, Port Operations Div.	
CORASCH [illegible] Chief, Assessment Div.	
[illegible] Acting Examiner	
[illegible] Trade Control Examiner I	
AVELINO C. ALBARCA Examiner	